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For Securing The Implant

ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

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P.O. Box 1450
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In response to the Office Action mailed June 18, 2003, Applicant hereby petitions for a one-month extension of time. A check in the amount of \$110.00 is attached to this petition. If any additional fees are necessary to respond to the outstanding Office Action, you are hereby authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 08-2789 in the name of Howard & Howard. A duplicate of this document is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

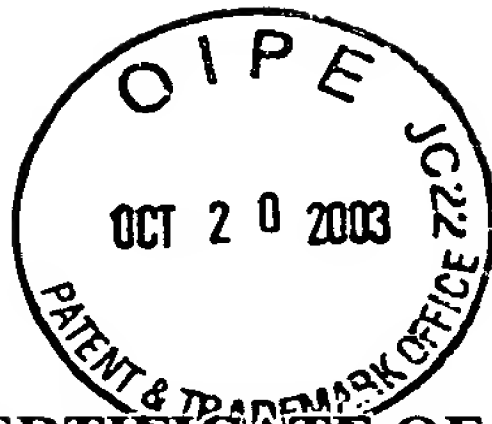
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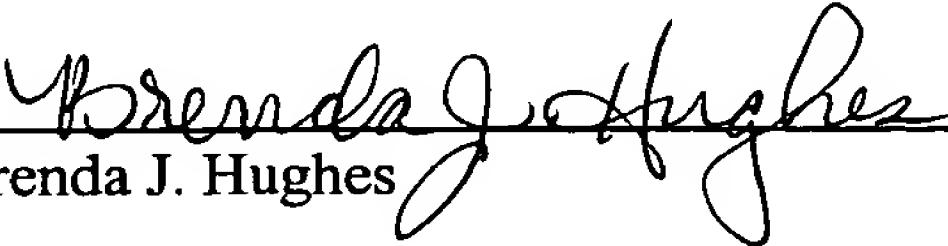
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